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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Hamed Aissaoui et al.

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Art Unit: 1624

For: QUINOXALINONE-3-ONE DERIVATIVES
AS OREXIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

Examiner: J.H. Murray

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 9, 2008 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 9, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, Small Entity status is claimed.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	6	- 20* =	0	X	
Independent	1	- 3** =	0	X	
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
					TOTAL \$ 0.00

*not less than 20 ** not less than 3

As indicated in the September 15, 2008 Interview Summary issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, a response to the July 9, 2008 Non-Final Office Action is due October 9, 2008. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

No fee is required for the filing of this Amendment. However, in the event a fee is required or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215, Order No. A0345.0012.

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this Amendment is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the

outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215, Order No. A0345.0012.